

NCDOT TO HOLD CITIZENS INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOP SEPT. 24 IN ASHEVILLE FOR THE  
PROPOSED U.S. 19/23 (FUTURE I-26) IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

TIP Project A-0010A

The N.C. Department of Transportation will hold a public meeting in September regarding a proposed project to improve about 12 miles of existing U.S. 19/23 from just north of Broadway Street (Exit 25) in Asheville to just south of Stockton Road (Exit 13) near Mars Hill in Buncombe County.

The meeting will take place on Tuesday, Sept. 24 at the Woodfin Elementary School located at 108 Elk Mountain Road in Asheville. It will run as an open house from 4 to 7 p.m. Interested citizens may attend at any time during the meeting hours, as there will be no formal presentation. NCDOT representatives will be available to answer questions and listen to comments regarding the project. Citizens will also have the opportunity to submit comments and questions in writing. The comments and information received will be taken into consideration as the project develops.

The project is needed to address traffic congestion and deteriorating pavement as well as improve and or/replace bridges within the study corridor. It may include adding lanes to portions of U.S. 19/23, replacing bridges, and repaving sections of the highway. Project information is available on the project website at: <http://ncdot.gov/projects/us19-23improvements/>.

For more information contact Zahid Baloch, Project Planning Engineer, NCDOT Project Development and Environmental Analysis Unit, at (919) 707-6012 or [zbaloch@ncdot.gov](mailto:zbaloch@ncdot.gov). Citizens may also contact consultant Mark Pierce, with URS Corporation, at (919) 461-1515 or [mark.pierce@urs.com](mailto:mark.pierce@urs.com).

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled persons who want to participate in these meetings. Anyone requiring special services should contact Baloch as early as possible so that arrangements can be made. Persons who speak Spanish and do not speak English, or have a limited ability to read, speak or understand English, may receive interpretive services upon request prior to the meeting by calling 1-800-481-6494.